

One of the properties conducive to durability in timber is the absence of any resinous exudates, which, if present, would be a serious defect.

The process of curing lumber consists in heating it slightly above the fire, thus driving out the resin, and the back of the wood when they will.

The increase in strength due to seasoning of different woods can be given as follows:—

White oak, 10 per cent; ash, 15 per cent; chest, 20 per cent; oak, 45 per cent; beech, 10 per cent.

Dr. Sydney Thompson suggests the following formula in erysipelas—Trifol. extract of jalap, twenty-four parts; lard, and glycerine, each four parts. This mixture is to be painted over the affected surface every four hours.

A good substitute for ground glass is made as follows: Work together equal parts of white lead and common putty until quite soft, then form it into a ball, and roll it over the surface of the glass, and a ground glass appearance is obtained.

Shoe-dressing: Gum-shellac half a pound, alcohol three quarts; dissolve, and add camphor and a half ounce, lampblack two ounces. The foregoing mixture will give an excellent gloss, and is especially adapted to any leather the surface of which is roughened by wear.

Persons who have been letters on glass windows or doors are often troubled by their dripping off, from unequal expansion, or from too violent efforts on the part of the window cleaner.

To prevent this, it should be mixed just before using—Litharge, two parts; white lead, one part; boiled linseed oil, three parts (by weight), one part.

The following method has been recommended for sick persons, whose teeth and gums often become unusually throbbing, insufficient nourishment, motion, or want of cleanliness. One part of magnesia of potash, from one hundred to one hundred and fifty parts of water, to which can be added some camphor, and the metallic taste is agreeable, and is a valuable remedy.

In twenty or thirty, or the following: twenty of benzoate, ten parts; tannic acid, twenty parts; alcohol, thirty parts; oil of pepper, ten parts. A sufficient quantity of water will drop into a glass of water.

A Heartless Case.

A gentleman in the west of England, who was possessed of large estates, and a very rich man, was supposed to be a widower, his wife having died many years before, and died it was thought, after several years of married life. He was, however, as he was believed to be, in fact, a bachelor, and some time after the lady died. Then the brother and sister-in-law came forward and claimed the estate, on the ground that the claim being raised, on behalf of the children of the deceased, the marriage was proved to be void, by the production of the lady's husband, with whom the brother-in-law had been in connection for many years. The husband, it appeared, had in the first instance come back to England in order to claim his wife; but having been not with the lady, the brother-in-law, who was supposed to be a widower, the latter persuaded him to make no sign, but to submit upon a weekly allowance from him (the heir), in order that the supposed husband might go to his country, and that he was the lawful husband of the mother of his children; for the brother knew that no will had been made, and feared that his sister-in-law would claim the estate, and that he would make a will in favour of his children and his mother. This scheme was successful, the gentleman did not make a will, and his sister-in-law, who was making a will, a request which is always refused, often wicked. The heir succeeded to his brother's estates, both real and personal, being the sole next-of-kin as well as heir-at-law, and the poor children were left in destitute.

The White Feather.

It is well known that the "White Feather" is a synonym for cowardice, and it is said that no gamecock has a white feather. This expression must formerly have had a different meaning, as it was during the war between the English and the North American Indians. A Quaker, who refused to fly for safety, on day saw a band of Indians swooping down upon his home. At the last moment, he would not allow him to receive them with a volley of powder and ball, he invited them in, and set food before them. The good, hearty reds sat around the table, and, on leaving, the chief fastened a white feather on the door as a badge of friendship and peace. Although after this many a brave man passed that door, the white feather was not torn off, and the treaty by which the Indians were to be made good was not broken.

The Bin of Noah's Ark.

There is a bin of Noah's Ark at the bottom of the River Thames, and it is said that it is the only one of its kind in the world. It is a small vessel, and is used for the purpose of carrying the remains of the dead. It is said that it was built by Noah, and that it was used to carry the remains of his family and his friends. It is said that it was built of wood, and that it was covered with gold and silver. It is said that it was built in the year 1000, and that it was used for many years.

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Life's Journey.

As you go on your journey, you will find that the road is not straight, but that it is full of twists and turns. You will find that the road is not smooth, but that it is full of bumps and holes. You will find that the road is not short, but that it is full of long and hard miles.

But the path for this journey is made by the hand of the Master in heaven. He knows the way, and He will guide you. He will give you strength, and He will give you wisdom. He will give you peace, and He will give you joy.

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Errol and I, he smoking, I walking beside him down the long, green alleys of the high wall where the cherries and the roses were in bloom. He was a tall, slender man, with a face that was as fair as the roses, and his eyes were as blue as the sky.

"Do you remember Judith Irving, Mr. Errol?"

"Oh, yes—quite well," he smiled, glancing at me. "She was a very pretty girl, and she was very kind to me."

"She told me you had been playing as children."

"So we were. But I did not think she would be so kind to me. I was a very poor player, and she was a very good one."

"I feel much more flattered by your remembering what she said."

"Do you like her?" I asked, looking up at the handsome smiling face.

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THE BOOK OF GOD.

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"I had put a brain new coat on. After I had stepped into the window I looked for my hat but found that it had only three button-holes left. The remainder had been blown off by the projections of the building as making my descent."

"I like the midspring air," said Gilpin, and sat down on 'Squire Melrose's porch, the other morning, for a friendly chat, now fresh everything seems. Do you want of anything fresher than the gentle zephyr?" "No, I don't know as I do," replied the squire, "unless it is that paint you're setting in. 'Tis hot here on the floor over two hours."

"Things one would rather have left unsaid ;—Would you mind putting my lawn shades in your pocket, Mr. Green? He is afraid my pockets are hardly big enough, Miss Gladys; but I shall be delig-

